(c) whether Government are offering shares to employees of the units under disinvestment as a part of their dues; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) to (d) In the case of PSUs which are under disinvestment process, the existing guidelines issued by the Government from time to time on wage arrears/VRS/Terminal benefits will continue to apply to them till disinvestment process is completed. In the transaction agreements between the Government of India and the strategic partner of the enterprises which are proposed to be disinvested, appropriate provisions are made to provide VRS benefits to the employees not inferior to the scheme framed by the Government or by the Company itself, whichever is higher. However, there is no linkage between accrual out of disinvestment and the payment of VRS dues. There is no automatic offer of share to the employees of units under disinvestment at present. Such proposals are decided case by case.

Infrastructure projects

4569. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to finance the viability gap of infrastructure projects undertaken by the Private Sector so as to ensure that these projects are a success ;

(b) whether Government propose to finance the difference between the rate of return that the bank would require for projects to be financed and the actual rate of return for the project ; and

(c) if so, the details of the scheme and its impact on the viability of projects ?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and it will be laid on the Table of the House.

Excessive manpower in PSUs

4570. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the PSUs using obsolete technology and having excess manpower, PSU-wise;